

REMARKS

With this Amendment, Applicant cancels Claims 1-7, 11-21, 25-35, 39-47, 49-52, and 54-57. Therefore, Claims 8-10, 22-24, 36-38, 48, 53, and 58-63 are all the claims currently pending in the present Application.

Allowed Claims

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Claims 8-10, 22-24, 36-38, 48, 53, and 58-63 are allowed.

Claim Rejections

The current claim rejections are as follows:

- Claims 1, 3, 4, 15, 17, 18, 29, 31, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Vilmur, in view of Leung et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,623,535 (“Leung”);

- Claims 2, 5-7, 16, 19-21, 30, 33-35, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Vilmur, in view of Leung and Seppanen et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,903,832 (“Seppanen”);

- Claims 11, 12, 25, 26, 39, 40, 49, 50, 54, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Vilmur, in view of Leung, Seppanen, and Nystrom et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,526, 091 (“Nystrom”); and

- Claims 13, 14, 27, 28, 41, 42, 44-47, 51, 52, 56, and 57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Vilmur, in view of Leung and Nystrom.

With this Amendment, all rejected claims are cancelled.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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